

# Fifth Annual Performance Report

---

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of Idaho Falls has completed its fifth year of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects. This is the fifth year under the Five Year Strategic Plan for the CDBG program. The City's Five Year Strategic Plan for Housing and Community Development presents a profile of identified community development needs and priorities.

An Annual Action Plan adopted each year detail programs and/or projects which the City expects to assist to carry out those priorities.

The Priorities of the Five Year Strategic Plan are in **Bold** with the completed FY08 projects that help fulfill that goal are in *Italic*:

### **Community Development Priority**

**Support neighborhood revitalization activities that promote public health, safety and welfare.**

- *7 Neighborhood Cleanups completed in LMI neighborhoods*
- *9 Graffiti Cleanups completed by Citizens Watch Patrol for LMI homeowners*
- *Eighteen LMI families assisted with new sidewalks*
- *Library RR pedestrian crossing for handicapped accessibility ready for construction*
- 

### **Economic Development Priority**

**Improve economic conditions throughout the community, principally for Low to Moderate Income (LMI) persons.**

- 
- *Downtown Façade Program completed 4 projects*

### **Housing Development Priority**

**Encourage the development of affordable single-, multi-family, and special needs housing in the community through private developers and non-profits.**

- 
- *5 Housing Rehab projects completed by EICAP for LMI homeowners*
- *6 Homes made ADA accessible by LIFE, Inc.*

### **Public Service Priority**

**Encourage social service providers, faith-based groups, private businesses, school districts, non-profit agencies and community leaders to work together to comprehensively meet the needs of families in poverty.**

- 33 families assisted to prevent homelessness
- 3 fully accessible Buses purchased by TRPTA
- Addiction Rehab Center electrical system brought up to code
- 

Besides improving the community and providing improved services to the residents of Idaho Falls; nine activities benefit persons of low and moderate incomes and one prevents or eliminates conditions of slum and blight. The last three projects fulfill the city's 504/ADA/Fair Housing responsibilities.

#### **Back Ground:**

*With the 2000 Census results, the City of Idaho Falls became eligible to become an Entitlement City under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. That eligibility became a reality in 2004 as HUD invited the city to submit a Consolidated Plan for the first five years of Entitlement status. This Plan details the needs of the low and moderate income persons in the community backed up with statistics. The city contracted with Community Connections to research and write the Plan. Along with the Five Year Strategic Plan (Consolidated Plan) a first year (FY04) Action Plan was required. After much discussion and the public hearings both Plans were adopted by City Council and subsequently approved by HUD in the Fall of 2004. The city then advertised and in February 2005 hired a Grant Administrator to implement the Plans and fulfill the HUD requirements.*

*The first six months of the new program were spent developing and adopting the Five Year Plan Strategic Plan. The second six months were spent setting up the city's program, setting up the files, initializing the IDIS computer financial and reporting system, determining how to synchronize the city's financial system with the HUD requirements and the differing budget years, developing sub-contracts, establishing contacts with other organizations and implementing the six projects contained in the Action Plan.*

*The spring and early summer of 2005 included drafting and adopting the Second Annual Action Plan. In August 2005 the city received the second year of funding. The second year projects were a continuation of the projects started with FY04 funding.*

*Because of the awkward timing of the funding year and the construction season, the City of Idaho Falls requested to change the Program Year start date to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore FY05 program year was only eight months in duration. Projects started in 2005 continued and wrapped up in the winter months.*

*The first, second, third and fourth Annual Reports ( FY04 CAPER, FY05 CAPER, FY06 CAPER, FY07 CAPER) were completed and accepted by HUD.*

*The Fifth Annual Action Plan was developed and adopted by City Council and accepted by HUD. City council has continued to expand the selection of new projects to include physical improvements to social service facilities.*

Assessment of Meeting the Goals and Objectives of the Five Year Plan: The city's CDBG program is well underway and successful in its implementation. The program has demonstrated results and is creating the anticipated benefits for LMI residents and the community. The projects selected by City Council are addressing the high priority needs identified in the city's Five Year Strategic Plan. As these needs are met, progress is made towards improving the sustainable living environment, expanding economic opportunities, and providing decent housing. These national goals are reflected in the city's CDBG planning and project design. The projects are also incorporated into the new Performance Standards. A chart has been incorporated into this report demonstrating the relationships between the three layers of planning requirements:

- a) goals and objective of the Five Year Plan and Annual Action Plans,
- b) the National Objectives and Eligible Activities required by Title I for projects,
- c) the National Performance Measures.

The one negative barrier to implementation was the annual schedule. The city requested and was approved for an April 1st start date for FY06. This start date will provide the best junction of timing for planning, implementation and expenditures with the construction seasons.

In the years of the program, only three "change, adjustment or improvement" in activities have been proposed.

A low income trailer park was being closed and residents were forced to find another place to live. Upon request of the Community Action Partnership and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, City Council added a new activity to the FY06 program to assist residents with relocation expenses. Funding was transferred from the Housing rehab program to fund this new activity.

The FY07 Family Justice Center project could not find suitable property to acquire so City Council reprogrammed the funding to assist FY08 projects.

The Development Workshop project was amended and reduced. The State of Idaho could not establish a price for property that was to be purchased. Some of the funding was used to buy a new bus for the students and the balance was committed to additional housing rehab.

As the program matures, new projects have emerged from the planning and citizen participation processes for FY06 and FY07. An example of this is the funding of the Housing Rehab Program in FY06 and funding ADA improvements to homes of individuals with disabilities.

The FY04 plan year began August 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 and ended July 31<sup>st</sup> 2005.

The FY05 plan year began August 1<sup>st</sup>, and ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2006.

The FY06 plan year began April 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 and ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2007.

The FY07 plan year began April 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 and ended March 31 2008.

The FY08 plan year began April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 and ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

*This report covers the activities accomplished during this last time period.*

Each project selected by City Council for grant funding must carry out the City's objectives in the Five Year Strategic Plan, meet a Federal National Objective and/or carry out other grant requirements. This table demonstrates how those objectives have been met.

<b>Accomplishment</b>	<b>National Objective</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Objective</b>	<b>Other Priorities Met</b>
<i>5 Housing Rehab projects completed by EICAP</i>	<b>Direct benefit to LMI Homeowners</b>	<b>Housing Development and Improvement</b>	
<i>6 Homes made ADA accessible by LIFE, Inc.</i>	<b>Direct benefit to LMI Homeowners</b>	<b>Housing Development and Improvement</b>	<b>Americans with Disabilities Act</b>
<i>7 Neighborhood Cleanups completed</i>	<b>Benefit to LMI neighborhoods</b>	<b>Community Development</b>	<b>Neighborhood improvement</b>
<i>12 Graffiti Cleanups by Citizens Watch Patrol</i>	<b>Benefit to LMI neighborhoods</b>	<b>Community Development</b>	<b>Neighborhood improvement</b>
<i>Addiction Rehabilitation Association electrical system brought up to code</i>	<b>Benefit to persons with disabilities</b>	<b>Community Development</b>	
<i>33 families assisted to prevent homelessness</i>	<b>Benefit to LMI families</b>	<b>Public Service</b>	<b>Prevention of Homelessness</b>
<i>Eighteen families assisted with new sidewalks</i>	<b>Benefit to LMI families</b>	<b>Community Development</b>	<b>Neighborhood improvement</b>
<i>Downtown Façade Program completed 4 projects</i>	<b>Eliminate conditions of slum and blight</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>Neighborhood improvement</b>
<i>3 fully accessible Buses purchased by TRPTA</i>	<b>Benefit to persons with disabilities</b>	<b>Community Development</b>	<b>Americans with Disabilities Act</b>
<i>Library RR pedestrian crossing ready for construction</i>	<b>Benefit to persons with disabilities</b>	<b>Community Development</b>	<b>Americans with Disabilities Act</b>
<i>2 fair housing workshops held.</i>	<b>Compliance with grant Certifications</b>	<b>Housing Development</b>	<b>Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.</b>

## **Summary of RESOURCES**

The City has now received five annual CDBG allocations from HUD.

\$491,000	FY04 CDBG Annual Entitlement
\$465,540	FY05 CDBG Annual Entitlement
\$418,940	FY06 CDBG Annual Entitlement
\$417,257	FY07 CDBG Annual Entitlement
\$402,199	FY08 CDBG Annual Entitlement
0	Carryover Funds
0	Unallocated Funds
0	Program Income
<hr/>	
\$2,194,936	Total Funds Allocated

There are no other funds received from HUD. The City has not set up any loan programs nor expects any recovery of grant funds that would create program income. The city has not used the Section 108 program.

Most of funding benefits Low and Moderate Income (LMI) persons. The three Census Tracts: 9707, 9711 and 9712, have a majority of LMI persons. These older neighborhoods are the target area for the use of CDBG funding. Even those city wide programs i.e. bus service or homeless prevention benefit the residents of these neighborhood more than the upscale residents by virtue of the LMI reliance on these programs.

Expenditure rates for each year.

<b>Four Year Total</b>	<b>\$2,194,939</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>FY04</b>	<b>491,000</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>FY05</b>	<b>465,540</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>FY06</b>	<b>418,940</b>	<b>95.2 %</b>	<b>20,354.00</b>
<b>FY07</b>	<b>417,257</b>	<b>58.0%</b>	<b>174,856.00</b>
<b>FY08</b>	<b>402,199</b>	<b>25.2%</b>	<b><u>100,000.00</u></b>
			<b>295,210.00</b>

**19.5% allocated to grant administration    \$ 427,791 ( 20% allowed)**

**80.5% allocated on projects                      \$1,767,148**

**86.1% of project funding allocated to LMI projects – 70% required**

**13.9% of project funding allocated to Slum and Blight projects –30% allowed**

***Assessment of the Five Year Goals and Objectives.***

*The following Chart demonstrates how the FY08 funding was allocated to the Five Year Strategies.*

<i>Community Development Priority</i>	<i>\$103,780</i>
<i>Economic Development Priority</i>	<i>\$ 75,000</i>
<i>Housing Development Priority</i>	<i>\$ 80,000</i>
<i>Public Service Priority</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>

*The City continues to meet its goals and objectives of the Five Year Plan.*

***Geographic Distribution*** *The following map locates the three census tracts, 9707 9711 and 9712, that have a majority of LMI persons. Only three projects have a geographic location: 10th Street sidewalks, Library RR crossing and the Addictive Rehab Center. The other projects are not location specific but serve income qualified persons city wide. However, many of these persons will be living in the LMI census tracts.*



The fifth **Annual Action Plan** (developed during the period covered by this report) represents the FY08 Entitlement allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of \$402,224 to be received in May 2008. The table below represents the planned projects for these funds.

**FY08 CDBG Projects** **With official allocation amount**  
**As approved by city council 1-24-08 Work session**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>\$ approved</b>	<b>National Objective benefit</b>
LIFE Inc.	handicapped access for LMI homeowners	\$30,000	Five LMI homeowners
EICAP	housing Rehab for LMI homeowners	\$50,000	10 LMI homeowners
City/ Bike-Ped	Sidewalk Replacement grants ½ to 2/3 mile	\$53,780	30-50 LMI homeowners
City/ IFDDC	Downtown renovations	\$75,000	Slum and Blight prevention
EICAP	Grandparents raising grandchildren Legal assistance	\$5,000	LMI Public Service
EICAP	Haven Shelter repaving courtyard	\$18,000	LMI Homeless
EICAP	Near Homelessness assistance payments to keep families in their homes	\$10,000	60 LMI families Public Service
Library RR Crossing	Handicapped access	\$30,000	LMI Disabled persons
City Code Enforcement	Neighborhood Cleanup	\$20,000	LMI neighborhoods
TRPTA	Purchase bus for disability routes.	\$20,000	Buses for LMI Disabled persons
Addiction Rehab Administration	Rewire Breaker box	\$10,000	LMI Persons
		\$80,444	
<b>Total approved</b>		<b>\$402,224</b>	

The **2004 Annual Action Plan** represents the initial Entitlement allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of \$491,000. Those FY04 activities funded are:

<b>Project (status 4/1/08)</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% remaining</b>	
<b>Highland Park Street Improvements</b>	\$300,000	300,003.10	0		3.10 from EITC
<b>Code Enforcement Activities</b>	\$ 13,000	0	0		
<b>Bel Aire Park Improvements</b>	\$ 20,000	18000.04	0		1,999.92 to parking lot
<b>Eastern Ave Downtown Parking Lot</b>	\$ 30,000	34,299	0		
<b>Eastern Idaho Technical College</b>	\$ 15,000	14,996.9	0		
<b>Targhee Reg. Public Transit Authority</b>	\$ 15,000	0	0		
<b>CDBG Administration/ Fair Housing</b>	\$ 62,350	61,498.29	0		851.71 to Parking lot
<b>5 Year Plan Consultant</b>	\$25,650	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>IFDDC Planning Activities</b>	\$ 10,000	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$491,000</b>		<b>0</b>		

The **2005 Annual Action Plan** represents the second Entitlement allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of \$465,543. Those FY05 activities funded are:

<b>Projects (status 4/1/08)</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% remaining</b>	
<b>Highland Park Street Improvements</b>	\$300,000	305,000	0	0	5,000 from Park
<b>Code Enforcement Activities</b>	\$ 13,000	0	0	0	
<b>Eagle Rock Park</b>	\$ 29,435	24,435	0	0	
<b>Eastern Idaho Technical College</b>	\$ 15,000	\$14,413.27	0	0	
<b>Targhee Reg. Public Transit Authority</b>	\$ 15,000	15,586.73	0	0	586.73 from EITC
<b>Fair Housing</b>	1,000	0	0	0	0
<b>CDBG Administration/Fair Housing</b>	\$ 82,108	0	0	0	
<b>IFDDC Planning</b>	\$10,000	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$465,543</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100% expended</b>

The **2006 Annual Action Plan** represents the third Entitlement allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of \$418,940. Those FY06 activities funded are:

<b>Projects Description (status 4/1/08)</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% remaining</b>	
<b>Downtown Facade loan/grant program</b>	\$100,500	0	13,497	13.4%	All funds committed
<b>Highland Park Paving (cost overruns)</b>	\$80,000	\$73,205.9 2	0	0	Balance moved to housing rehab
<b>Neighborhood cleanup</b>	\$13,000	0	0	0	
<b>graffiti removal program</b>	\$5,000	0	2,675	53.5%	Under contract
<b>Special riders' pickup -TRPTA</b>	\$15,000	0	0	0	
<b>Purchase lot for Habitat home</b>	\$25,000	0	\$4,182.34	16.7%	Balance obligated for hookups
<b>Housing Rehabilitation program -- EICAP</b>	\$46,652	53,450.14	0		Add'l funds from Paving and Uptown
<b>Uptown Trailer Park Relocation Assistance</b>	\$50,000	0	0	0	New project added using housing rehab funding
<b>Grant Administration &amp; Fair Housing</b>	\$83,788	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$418,940</b>		<b>\$20,354</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	

The **2007 Annual Action Plan** represents the fourth Entitlement allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of **\$417,257**. Those FY07 activities funded are:

<b>Projects (status 4/1/07)</b>	Allocated	Amended	Balance	% remaining
Family Justice Center	0		0	Project cancelled
IFDDC Facades	100,142		56,000	55.9%
City of Refuge	6,000		0	0
TRPTA	20,000		0	0
Code Enforcement	17,000		3,557	20.9%
Shepherd's Inn	6,000		0	0
Development Workshop	13,407		0	Project amended
Life, Inc.	57,664	Project expanded	13,800	23.9%
Senior Center	10,219		10,291	100%
YMCA Sidewalk	17,162	Match to CDBG-R	0	Project added
CLUB, Inc Crisis Intervention	36 588	Match to CDBG-R	4,905	13.4% Project added
Grant Admin	83,451		0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>417,257</b>		88,553	21.2%

The 2008 Annual Action Plan represents the fifth Entitlement allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of \$402,199. Those FY08 activities funded are:

<b>Projects (status 4/1/08)</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% remaining</b>
Addictive Rehab	10,000		0	0%
IFDDC Facades	75,000		50,000	66%
Sidewalk Program	53,755		0	0%
TRPTA	20,000		333.19	1.6%
Code Enforcement	20,000		10,258.84	51%
EICAP Haven	18,000		18,000	100%
EICAP Housing Rehab	50,000		15,930	31.6%
EICAP Grandparents	5,000		0	0%
EICAP Near Homeless	10,000		0	0%
Library RR Crossing	30,000		0	0%
Life, Inc.	30,000		60.00	0%
Grant Admin	80,444		4,045.31	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$402,199</b>		<b>\$97,931</b>	<b>24.3%</b>

The City received Stimulus funding in the Winter of 08-09 and City Council acted upon the additional funding to fund additional project requests as part of the 2009 project deliberations.

<b><i>CDBG-R</i></b>					
<b><i>Projects</i></b>	<b><i>Allocation</i></b>	<b><i>Balance</i></b>	<b><i>% remaining</i></b>		
<b><i>Administration</i></b>	<b><i>10,923</i></b>	<b><i>10,923</i></b>	<b><i>100%</i></b>		
<b><i>Community Council</i></b>	<b><i>34,852</i></b>	<b><i>34,852</i></b>	<b><i>100%</i></b>		
<b><i>YMCA sidewalks</i></b>	<b><i>47,074</i></b>	<b><i>47,074</i></b>	<b><i>100%</i></b>		
<b><i>CLUB Crisis Intervention</i></b>	<b><i>16,386</i></b>	<b><i>16,386</i></b>	<b><i>100%</i></b>		
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>109,234</i></b>	<b><i>109,234</i></b>	<b><i>100%</i></b>		

## **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** *The Grant Administrator is the city's representative to the HUD working group on fair housing created and chaired by the Boise HUD Area Office staff. This group discusses the issues and concerns across the state.*

*The Mayor of Idaho Falls issued the annual Fair Housing Proclamation for Fair Housing Month in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. The Proclamation is published in the local paper as a display ad in the real estate section. Staff members of Idaho Housing and Finance Association and Fair Housing Committee members of the Idaho Falls Realtor Association and officers of the Realtors Association attend the Mayor's signing of the Proclamation each year.*

*The lack of fair housing education is an impediment to furthering fair housing. The city's Analysis of Impediments acknowledges this. To reach the most people with fair housing information a mail campaign was developed. The HUD booklet on fair housing was reformatted into a tri-fold flyer and 30,000 printed.*

*Twenty-three thousand of those Fair Housing flyers were included in the January 2006 city utility billing envelopes delivering a fair housing information piece to nearly every household in the city. This information piece, based upon HUD's Fair Housing booklet, will directly reach the person in each household most interested in housing – the bill payer. Flyers were also placed in the information rack in the city's utility office.*

*The city's Building Official spoke to the June 2005 meeting of the Affordable Housing Task Force about the International Building Code provisions for ADA requirements. This was to help address the Task Force member's concerns that new rental units were not being built to the accessibility requirements.*

*The CDBG Administrator and the Chairman of the Idaho Falls Realtor Association attended the April 2006 and 2007 Fair Housing Conferences in Boise. The City and the Idaho Falls Realtors Associations were among the financial sponsors of the 2007 Fair Housing Conference in Pocatello and the 2008 Fair Housing Conference in Nampa.*

*The City also sponsored a page in the 2009 Fair Housing Calendar which was an effort of the Statewide Fair Housing Forum. The calendars were distributed at fair housing meetings and at the contractors desk in City offices.*

*The Forum also sponsored the Bearing Point Fair Housing Workshop to be held in July 2009. The city volunteered to host the workshop and make the meeting arrangements.*

*The city also hosted the Intermountain Fair Housing Council workshop for property managers in April 2009.*

*The CDBG manger has been appointed the City's ADA Coordinator and the Transportation Department Title VI coordinator. Title VI is similar to HUD's 504 requirements. These three requirements blend with the Fair Housing responsibilities. The manager's library now contains the 504 and ADA manuals and literature. Developers and contractors are beginning to call and clarify fair Housing construction requirements.*

*Summary of Impediments: The lack of knowledge about the Fair Housing requirements is still the major impediment. Comments from the social service agencies demonstrate that service animals are the biggest concern and complaint. The next concern is the ADA requirements. However the number of official complaints is low. The target of these concerns and complaints are the tenant/landlord relationship. This is why the two planned workshops are targeted to property managers.*

**Affordable Housing** *The two project/programs that the city funds; ADA improvements and housing rehab, carryout the city strategy for affordable housing.*

*There are a number of affordable housing projects, some financed with HOME or Tax Credits. The community appears to have an adequate supply of rental housing. However, the recession has increased the demand for rental housing. It has also increased the demand for Section 8 assistance.*

*The city's priority is to improve the existing housing of LMI homeowners. EICAP's weatherization programs and the city's energy efficiency programs are a good match for the housing rehab projects. LIFE is the regional agency for disability assistance. By funding their ADA rehab efforts they are able to expand their assistance for ramps and bathroom retrofits.*

## **Other Actions**

### **Underserved needs**

*EICAP and CLUB, Inc. are two organizations that are well connected thru out the community of service providers to homeless and special populations. EICAP is working to expand their women's shelter as the need is rising. The Family Care Center has expanded their shelter facilities to include a women's shelter.*

## **Affordable housing**

**Accessible housing** *LIFE, Inc. manages the accessibility programs in the city. The provide adaptive counseling as well as physical accessibility retrofits.*

## **Gaps in institutional structure**

### **Public housing**

**Lead based paint hazards :** *There is very little rehab funding available from any source so Lead Based paint remediation with federal funding occurs only occasionally. If it does, one of the social service agencies that also provide affordable housing undertakes the remediation. They have lead paint trained staff Those agencies in affordable housing are well aware of the LBP testing and remediation requirements.*

*The CDBG program has the EPA remediation literature and places it on the contractor permit counter.*

**Compliance with program requirements:** *The CDBG program has been monitored by HUP CPD staff and found to be in compliance. The city is in compliance with Section 3 requirements. The city has met its Timeliness goals of every year.*

**Reduce poverty:** *With only \$400,000 in CDBG funding, it is difficult to provide direct assistance for the reduction of poverty. However, the CDBG program has funded job training, homeless prevention, homeless shelters and Rehab counseling. These programs all work to assist people improve their lives and incomes.*

**Citizen Comment:** *The city is following its Citizen Participation Plan. This report was available to interested non-profits and agencies. It was posted on the Departments Web site. A presentation was made to the City Council in a Work Session and again at the public hearing. The formal public hearing was held December XX 2009 and oral and written comment were solicited. No comments were received to be considered.*

### **Self-Evaluation**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** *Monitoring is an ongoing process. Environmental reviews and Clearances have been completed for every project. The parking lot and Highland Park construction had been completed and the contractor payrolls have been reviewed for correct payments to employees on the job. The College, EICAP and the Regional Transportation Authority are experienced with federal funding requirements so they are low risk sub recipients.*

*The City of Idaho Falls, CDBG program is off to a good solid start. As the administration details are set in place the ability of the program to partner and connect with other funding and agencies will only expand.*

*Future Changes:* As the City's CDBG program matures and the initial needs are met, the city has provided more funding for blight removal in the historic downtown, more ADA improvements to city facilities, and more housing preservation or rehab activities. The Uptown Trailer park is a "voluntary" relocation activity in that the city did not initiate or force the closure of the trailer park.

*Relocation:* There were no activities planned or funded that required relocation. This was a deliberate strategy to avoid disruption of lives or businesses and to conserve the limited CDBG funds.

*Other Projects:* There have been two requests for Certificates of Consistency from two assisted housing projects.

*Matching and Leveraging:* No other funding resources were planned to be used in this first year. However, the funds awarded to the regional public transportation will be used to match additional federal transportation funding at a 83/17 ratio. Also the Downtown Development Corporation matched the planning grant with \$10,000 of its funds as well as seeking additional foundation grants. The City has contributed over \$125,000 in-kind contributions of Engineering staff and Park and Recreation staff to design and oversee the parking lot, Highland Park street paving and the Bel Aire and South Capital park projects, and the Library rail crossing project.

Although not directly related to the CDBG funds, non-profits in the community do receive other HUD funding for housing and homeless programs. A HOME and SHP funded project just opened its doors to provide permanent housing for the chronic homeless. The City of Refuge men's homeless shelter receives ESG funding.

*Additional Fund Accounting:* In these four years the projects are straight forward funding. It was not planned to use revolving loans as a mechanism to carry out the goals and projects. There was no program income earned from the use of the FY04, FY05, FY06, FY07 or FY08 funding. There were no prior year adjustments to be included in the fund accounting. There are no loan receivables to be accounted for. There were no lump sum disbursements to be tracked. There are no housing rehab loan accounts.

## **Time Table**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** All projects are under way in some form. All sub recipient project managers are anxious to implement their projects. There are none lagging due to insurmountable challenges that might warrant recovery of the funds for other projects. Two projects have been terminated or seriously modified due to delays.

*Some of the early startup delays were due to the newness of the entitlement program and the need to develop the grant processes. Other delay is the changing need within a project which takes additional time to discuss and accommodate into the plan.*

*SLIDE SHOW newest years to the oldest*

*2008 projects*



**Figure 1 Rogers Hotel Façade Project. The original leaded glass transoms were rebuilt and installed.**



**ARTI building before and after**



**Figure 2 Neighborhood cleanup program reduces visible trash in yards. Dumpster can be used by income qualified homeowners for cleanup.**



**Figure 3 ARA electrical system updated.**



**Figure 4 ADA ramp installed by LIFE, Inc.**



**Figure 5 housing rehab before and after**





**Figure 6 Library RR Crossing before and after**



Figure 7 YMCA Sidewalk Project Sign

*Earlier year projects as summary of five years of Idaho Falls CDBG program.*



*Shelly Street in April 2005. Looking North. Note the lack of curb, gutter, sidewalks, or drainage.*



Shelly Street paved (looking north)



*Neighborhood cleanup 30 yard dumpster.*



The Bel Aire playground before installation of new ground cover.



Kids at play on the new surface.





Eagle Rock Playground before and After

*Eastern Avenue Parking lot in mid-project.*



*The parking lot in mid project. Note the dirt lot in the back ground. It is what this site originally looked like. Downtown Idaho Falls is to the left.*



New Home occupied winter of 2006-07





Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP) with assistance from the City and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare used CDBG funding to pay the costs of securing housing and moving costs for the displaced residents of the Uptown Trailer Park. The owners of the Park are closing the park for future commercial development. (This is not a governmental action so the requirements of The Uniform Relocation Act do not apply.) 70 families living in the trailer park have been affected, a majority of which need assistance.





The units are all of pre-1976 manufacture, making them almost impossible to move or relocate without substantial cost to upgrade and move.

**WATERFRONT PARK & TRAIL**

**PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE**

**SKATE PARK**

**FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS FALLS AND RIVER**

**AMPHITHEATER**

**LIMITED ACCESS FOR TRAFFIC**

**INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT MEMORIAL & BROADWAY**

**ON-STREET PARKING**

**YELLOWSTONE STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

**INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

**IDAHO FALLS DOWNTOWN PLAN**

**SCALE: 0 100 200 300 FEET**





The City of Refuge Kitchen was improved to health standards.